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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Rambabu Bavirisetty

Dear Mr. Morales:

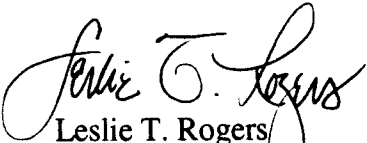
SUBJECT: Kern COG FTIP Amendment No. 1


We have completed our review of the Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) Amendment No. 1 to its 2002/2003 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letter dated November 21, 2002. This amendment was adopted by the KCOG on September 19, 2002.

We accept this KCOG amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of KCOG's Amendment No. 1 into California's 2002/2003 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,


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